

CLAIMS

1 1. A reconfigurable apparatus comprising one of a household lighting
2 apparatus and a home accessory and including
3 at least one fixed component, and
4 a plurality of interchangeable decorative adornments, each including a
5 magnet and being magnetically coupled to a portion of said apparatus.

1 2. The reconfigurable apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said
2 apparatus comprises one of a candle holder, a lamp, track lighting, a lampshade and
3 a ceiling fan.

1 3. The reconfigurable apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said plurality of
2 interchangeable decorative adornments comprise a first set of interchangeable
3 decorative adornments that provide a first appearance to said apparatus and further
4 comprising a second set of interchangeable decorative adornments magnetically
5 engageable with said apparatus to provide a second appearance.

1 4. The reconfigurable apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said apparatus
2 comprises a fixture and said plurality of fixed components include light sources.

1 5. The reconfigurable apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said plurality of
2 interchangeable decorative adornments include interchangeable decorative
3 adornments of at least one of different colors and different shapes.

1 6. The reconfigurable apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said
2 interchangeable decorative adornments of said plurality of interchangeable
3 decorative adornments are attachable to multiple locations to provide multiple
4 configurations to said apparatus.

1 7. A reconfigurable decorative lighting unit comprising a plurality of fixed
2 components and a plurality of interchangeable decorative adornments, each
3 including a magnet and being magnetically coupled to a portion of said decorative
4 lighting unit.

1 8. The reconfigurable decorative lighting unit as in claim 7, wherein said
2 magnet comprises a rare earth magnet.

1 9. The reconfigurable decorative lighting unit as in claim 7, wherein said
2 decorative lighting unit comprises a chandelier.

1 10. The reconfigurable decorative lighting unit as in claim 7, wherein said
2 plurality of interchangeable decorative adornments includes interchangeable
3 decorative adornments of at least one of different colors and different shapes.

1 11. The reconfigurable decorative lighting unit as in claim 7, wherein said
2 plurality of interchangeable decorative adornments includes at least one
3 interchangeable decorative adornment formed of multiple pieces.

1 12. The reconfigurable decorative lighting unit as in claim 7, wherein said
2 plurality of interchangeable decorative adornments include at least one
3 interchangeable decorative adornment formed of crystal.

1 13. The reconfigurable decorative lighting unit as in claim 7, wherein said
2 interchangeable decorative adornments of said plurality of interchangeable
3 decorative adornments are attachable to multiple locations to provide multiple
4 configurations to said decorative lighting unit.

1 14. The reconfigurable decorative lighting unit as in claim 7, wherein said
2 plurality of interchangeable decorative adornments provide a first appearance to said
3 decorative lighting unit and are repositionable on said decorative lighting unit to
4 provide a second appearance to said decorative lighting unit.

1 15. A method for cleaning a decorative lighting unit comprising:
2 providing a decorative lighting unit with a plurality of removable adornments,
3 each including a magnet and magnetically coupled to said decorative lighting unit;
4 removing said plurality of removable adornments by pulling to disengage said
5 magnet;
6 cleaning said plurality of removable adornments; and
7 recoupling said plurality of removable adornments to said decorative lighting
8 unit.

1 16. A method for changing the appearance of a chandelier comprising:
2 providing a chandelier with a plurality of removable adornments, each
3 including a magnet and magnetically coupled to said chandelier;
4 removing at least one of said plurality of removable adornments by
5 disengaging said magnet;

6 replacing each of said at least one of said plurality of removable adornments
7 with a corresponding further magnetic adornment; and

8 magnetically coupling said at least one further magnetic adornment to said
9 chandelier.

1 17. The method as in claim 16, wherein said coupling comprises
2 positioning at least one of said further magnetic adornments at a location not
3 previously occupied by said removable adornment.

1 18. An interchangeable decorative adornment for attachment to
2 reconfigurable decorative lighting units comprising an interchangeable adornment
3 including at least one decorative portion and a magnet and being magnetically
4 attachable to a plurality of corresponding metal portions of at least one decorative
5 lighting unit.

1 19. The interchangeable decorative adornment as in claim 18, wherein
2 said decorative lighting unit comprises a chandelier.

1 20. The interchangeable decorative adornment as in claim 18, wherein
2 said magnet comprises a rare earth magnet.

1 21. The interchangeable decorative adornment as in claim 18, wherein
2 said interchangeable decorative adornment includes a crystal portion.

1 22. The interchangeable decorative adornment as in claim 18, wherein
2 said interchangeable decorative adornment includes a plurality of decorative portions
3 having at least one of a different shape and a different color.

1 23. The interchangeable decorative adornment as in claim 18, wherein
2 said magnet is coupled to said at least one decorative portion by one of string, wire,
3 metal links and a metal chain.

1 24. A set of interchangeable decorative adornments as in claim 18,
2 wherein said set of interchangeable decorative adornments include adornments
3 having at least one of different colors and shapes.